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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Atsushi MIYAWAKI  
Serial No. : 10/718,884  
Filed : November 20, 2003  
For : ILLUMINATION APPARATUS FOR  
MICROSCOPE AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS USING  
THE SAME  
Art Unit : 2872  
Examiner : Mark A. Robinson

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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

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This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request  
for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action  
mailed February 28, 2006 the term for response to which expires  
on May 28, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-5, 7-13,  
15-21, 23-25, 27, 29-31, 33 and 34 are canceled; claims 6, 14,  
22, 26, 28 and 32 are amended; and claims 35 and 36 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.